

**Memorandum**

Date: June 12, 1998

To: Ecosystem Roundtable

From: Cindy Darling  
Restoration Coordinator

Subject: Development of Technical Teams under Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP)

**Summary:**

Proposals under the May 1998 PSP must be received by the CLAFED office no later than 4:00pm on July 2, 1998. Currently, Technical Review Panels are being developed to review proposals under the nine topic areas. Additionally, an Integration Panel is being developed to assist in the review process. Attached is a description of the evaluation/selected process as well as preliminary lists of the Technical Review Panels and Integration Panel.

**Roundtable Action:**

Review and comment on agency/non-agency balance and suggest additional names for the Technical Review Panels and Integration Panel.

## **Background Information:**

### **Evaluation/Selection Process**

Proposals will be reviewed using a two-step process. First, Technical Review Panels (TRPs) made up of state, federal and non-agency representative with the necessary expertise will be formed to evaluate and score proposals submitted under each of the nine Topic sections. The current make up of the review panels is listed in Appendix A.

Then the Integration Panel will evaluate recommendations from the Technical Review Panels, checking for duplicate proposals and identifying any conflicts or synergy between TRP recommendations in the different topic areas. The current make up of the Integration Panel is listed in Appendix B.

### **Role of the Technical Review Panels**

The role of the Technical Review Panels is to evaluate and score each of the proposals on its effectiveness and ability to achieve its stated goals. The panels will use the criteria described in each Topic section to evaluate and score proposals. Scores for each of the criteria will typically range from zero to twenty-five. A proposal must receive a score of at least 40 out of a total score of 70 to be eligible for funding in this funding cycle. The TRPs evaluation of proposals will be forwarded to the Integration Panel, for their deliberation in proposing the recommended package of projects to be funded. All submitted proposals and evaluation scores become public information and will be available for review after the Integration Panel completes its review (see PSP Section II.K).

### **Timing/coordination for decisions**

Integration Panel recommendations for funding will be reviewed by the Ecosystem Roundtable and the Bay-Delta Advisory Council. The CALFED member agencies, acting through the CALFED Policy Group, will make final funding recommendations to the implementing agencies. Final approval for funding proposals, however, rests with the implementing agency for each topic area. (See PSP Section II.E)

All funding recommendations will be coordinated with other appropriate funding sources (such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)), and programs administered through other agencies (such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)). Accordingly, the CALFED funding recommendations may identify co-funding or alternative funding options for projects. Proposals not funded through this PSP will be forwarded, as appropriate, to other funding sources for their consideration. Project funding provided through sources other than those listed in this PSP may include additional contract/award terms and conditions.

It is anticipated that funding decisions will be made by September, 1998. Preparation of contracts or cooperative agreements will begin as soon as projects are approved, but due to their complexity it may take considerable time to develop and execute the contracts or cooperative agreements for the successful proposals.

## Appendix A - Technical Review Panels

Below is the current make up of the Technical Review Panels for the May 1998 Proposal Solicitation Package. These panels are not yet finalized. Expertise is noted, where known. The Technical Review Panels will be held to certain conflict of interest rules and requirements as described in Attachment G of the PSP.

The implementing agencies for each Topic section are noted in parentheses. Note that one review panel will be used for the Fish Passage Assessment, Fish Passage and Related Screen Improvements, and Small Screen Evaluations - Alternatives and Biological Priorities.

### Fish Passage Assessment/Fish Passage and Related Screen Improvements/Small Screen Evaluations - Alternatives and Biological Priorities (Bureau of Reclamation)

Metropolitan Water District

Department of Water Resources - engineer

Natural Resource Scientists Inc. - aquatic ecologist/fishery scientist

Bureau of Reclamation - hydraulic research engineer

California Department of Fish and Game

National Resource Conservation Service - water supply specialist

National Marine Fisheries Service - regional fish passage team

Bureau of Reclamation

Bureau of Reclamation - hydraulic technician

### Alternates

California Department of Fish and Game

Bureau of Reclamation

National Marine Fisheries Service

### Floodplain Management and Habitat Restoration (Fish and Wildlife Service)

California Department of Fish and Game - geomorphologist

National Resource Conservation Service - a wetland specialist familiar with the WRP

Fish and Wildlife Service - restoration ecologist

Bureau of Reclamation - plant ecologist

Metropolitan Water District - biologist

The Bay Institute - Hydrologist/geomorphologist

Stillwater Science - Hydrologist/geomorphologist

### Sediment Management (CALFED)

California Department of Fish and Game - Registered Engineering Geologist

California Department of Fish and Game - hydraulic engineer

Fish and Wildlife Service - Red Bluff

University of California at Davis - research scientist

US Forest Service (?)

Fish Harvest Management Tools (CALFED)

California Department of Fish and Game  
Fish and Wildlife Service - Red Bluff  
Pacific Coast Fishermen's Federation and Association (?)  
Golden Gate Fishermen's Association (?)  
National Marine Fisheries Service (?)  
University of California at Davis (?)

Species Life History (CALFED)

California Department of Fish and Game - fisheries biologist  
Metropolitan Water District - consultant (tentative)  
California Department of Fish and Game - Springrun chinook specialist  
US Fish and Wildlife Service - green sturgeon specialist  
Department of Water Resources - fisheries biologist  
US Fish and Wildlife Service  
University of California at Davis (?)

Local Watershed Stewardship (US Environmental Protection Agency)

Sierra Nevada Alliance  
Coordinated Resources Management Program  
Department of Water Resources - San Joaquin River  
California Department of Fish and Game - biologist  
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board - Sacramento River  
National Resource Conservation Service  
US Environmental Protection Agency

Environmental Education (US Forest Service)

California Department of Fish and Game - environmental education specialist  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection - Project Learning Tree coordinator  
CALFED - public information specialist  
US Forest Service - Tahoe - environmental education coordinator

## Appendix B - 1998 Integration Panel

The following is the current make-up of the 1998 Integration Panel. Listed are name, affiliation and expertise.

Serge Birk  
CVPWA  
instream flows, fisheries, hatcheries

Randy Brown  
DWR-ESO  
fish

Dennis Bowker  
Napa County RCD  
resource conservationist

Jerry Bruns  
CVRWQCB  
water quality

Dan Castleberry  
USFWS  
physiological ecology of fishes, AFRP

Jim Frazier  
USFS  
hydrology

Chris Foe  
RWQCB  
water quality

Rod Fujita  
EDF  
fisheries, marine ecology

Karl Halupka  
NMFS  
fisheries

Bruce Herbold  
USEPA  
fish biology

Perry Herrgesell  
DFG  
estuarine biology

Elise Holland  
The Bay Institute  
fisheries, wetlands

Diana Jacobs  
State Lands Commission  
riparian habitats

Ken Lentz  
USBR  
fisheries

Karen Miller  
FWS  
endangered species recovery

Terry Mills  
CALFED  
chinook

Fred Nichols  
USGS  
estuary ecology

Sannie Osborn  
USACE  
general environmentalist

Dave Paullin  
USFWS  
Central Valley habitat restoration

Tim Ramirez  
Tuolumne River Trust  
geomorphic habitat restoration, hydrology

Pete Rhoads  
MWD

Bill Trush  
McBain & Trush  
geomorphology